

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 98.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, April 17, 1863.*

I.. Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 3d Corps, March 24, 1863, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 38, dated February 21, 1863, and No. 65, dated March 23, 1863, Headquarters, 1st Division, 3d Corps, and of which Lieutenant Colonel E. BURT, 3d Maine Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

*John K. Karcher*, Chaplain 114th Pennsylvania Volunteers.

CHARGE.—“Absent without leave.”

*Specification*—“In this; that the said *John K. Karcher*, Chaplain of the 114th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, being absent with leave, did not return to duty with his Regiment until eight days after expiration of his leave of absence. All this at Camp Pitcher, Virginia, between the 25th day of February, 1863, and the 5th day of March, 1863.”

To which charge and specification the accused, *John K. Karcher*, Chaplain 114th Pennsylvania Volunteers, pleaded “Guilty.”

#### FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, *John K. Karcher*, Chaplain 114th Pennsylvania Volunteers, as follows:

Of the *Specification*, “Guilty.”

Of the CHARGE, “Guilty.”

#### SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, *John K. Karcher*, Chaplain 114th Pennsylvania Volunteers, “*To be dismissed from the service of the United States, with the loss of all pay and allowances that are or may become due him.*”

II..The foregoing proceedings have been forwarded by the Major General Commanding the Army of the Potomac for the action of the President, with a recommendation that the sentence be mitigated. The recommendation is approved, and the sentence is hereby remitted.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*